

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1955.

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30th June, 1955 -

Males - 339,171

Females - 319,367

Persons - 658,538

Metropolitan Area at 31st December, 1954 -

Persons - 354,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	AUGUST		Eight Months ended AUGUST	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Marriages - Number	307	330	3,333	3,429
* Rate per 1000 of Population	5.47	6.05	7.63	8.08
Births - Number	1,616	1,328	11,129	10,372
* Rate per 1000 of Population	28.79	24.35	25.48	24.44
Deaths - Number	553	558	3,567	3,540
* Rate per 1000 of Population	9.85	10.23	8.17	8.34
Infant - Number	23	36	230	223
Mortality * Rate per 1000 Live Births	14.23	27.11	20.67	21.50
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -				
Tuberculosis	5	4	21	37
Malignant neoplasms	77	72	475	519
Diabetes mellitus	7	9	39	35
Diseases of blood, etc.	2	-	13	12
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	66	65	403	395
Diseases of the heart	186	178	1,143	1,121
Hypertension with heart disease	9	13	104	110
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	8	12	46	56
Arteriosclerosis	27	10	103	93
Influenza	2	11	6	19
Pneumonia	19	17	135	111
Bronchitis	4	14	28	32
Other respiratory disease	5	8	37	36
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	2	17	35
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	1	1	18	21
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	1	-	5	5
Cirrhosis of the liver	2	1	14	12
Nephritis and nephrosis	10	9	47	52
Disease of the prostate	5	4	37	36
Maternal causes	-	1	8	6
Disease of early infancy	10	24	132	143
Motor Vehicle Accidents	13	17	131	118
Other accidents	17	19	158	135
Suicide	7	9	48	48
All other causes	67	58	399	353
Total:	553	558	3,567	3,540

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.

\* Deaths under one year.



### LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the nine months ended September, 1955, totalled 489,313 acres, a decrease of 352,754 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 6,520,005 acres, an increase of 1,602,119.

### STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	3,699,207	3,662,568	10,752,298	10,643,854
Revenue per Head of Population	5. 11. 7	5. 13. 9	16. 5. 4	16. 11. 6
Expenditure	4,261,628	3,658,411	12,294,406	10,981,981
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 8. 7	5. 13. 8	18. 12. 0	17. 2. 0

### SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balance on the 30th September, 1955, amounted to £54,573,606 or £82.3.0 per head of population as against £53,064,883 or £82.6.3 per head as at the 30th September last year.

### BANK CLEARANCES

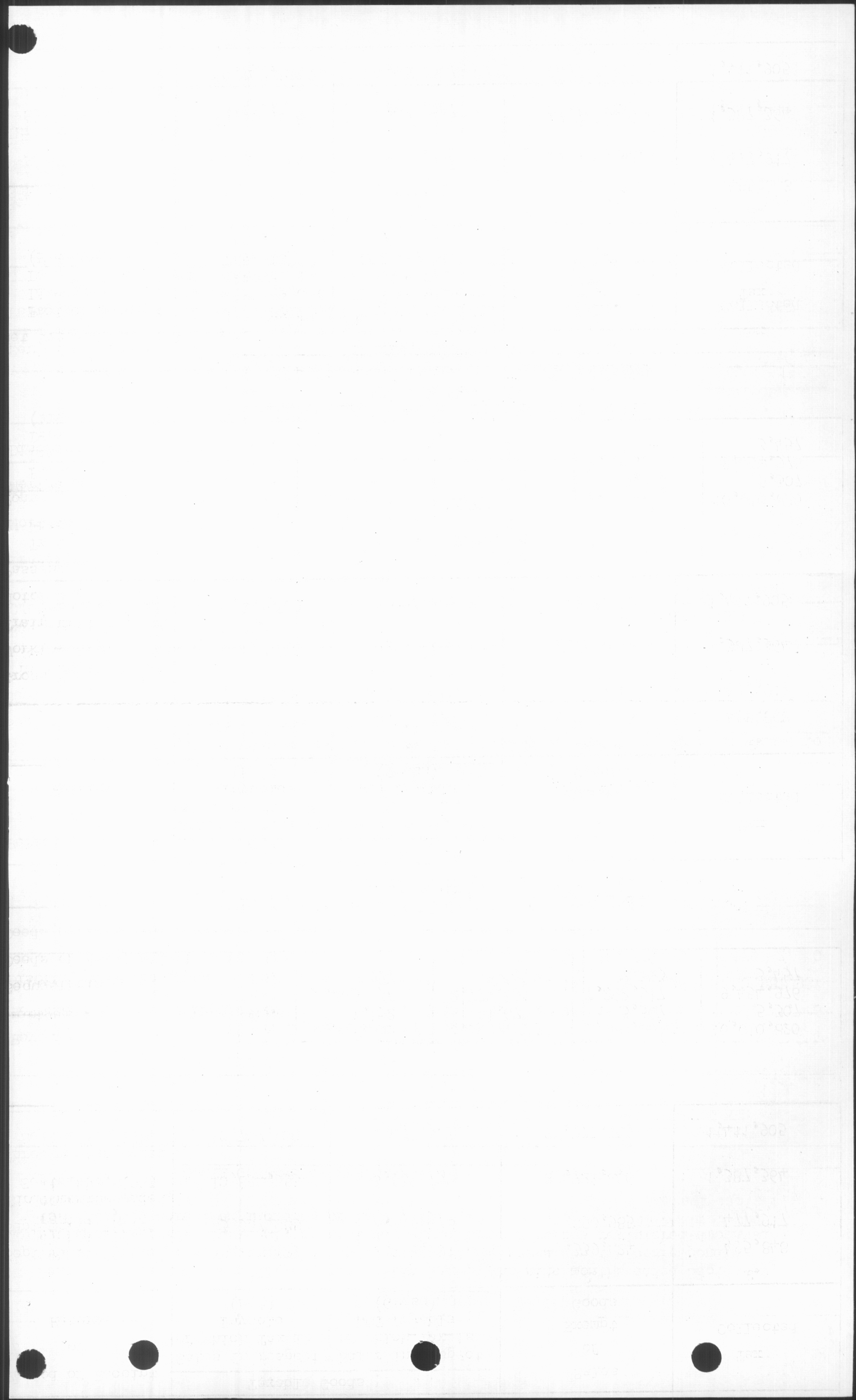
The average weekly clearance for 4 weeks ended 28th September, 1955, amounted to £13,025,764 compared with £13,085,876 for the corresponding period last year.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
		1955	1954	1955	1954
Transfers	No.	1,858	2,154	5,486	6,653
	£.	2,331,935	3,305,799	7,346,061	10,010,820
Mortgages	No.	1,192	1,671	3,567	5,307
	£.	2,209,632	2,774,831	7,262,917	9,454,976
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	934	1,146	2,643	3,457

### SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
September, 1955	3,219,375	2,118,791	9,339,424	495,848
September, 1954	3,337,089	2,133,078	9,650,985	477,917
Three months ended September, 1955	10,854,353	6,531,799	27,721,446	1,387,364
Three months ended September, 1954	10,747,100	6,037,527	26,777,759	1,411,905





COMPANIES REGISTERED

67 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,834,000 and 27 Foreign Companies were registered during the three months ended September, 1955. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 61 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £12,497,500 and 25 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	Three Months ended SEPTEMBER					
	1955			1954		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	24	37,639	17,501	14	28,083	10,917
Deeds of Assignment (a)	16	99,879	106,902	6	31,153	40,389
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Gross Earnings (a) * £.	1,048,600	996,600	2,104,400	1,981,200
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,280,445	1,149,190	2,411,939	2,332,474
Train Miles Run No.	689,492	613,722	1,377,335	1,232,409
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 118,795	(b) 127,214	(c) 211,764	(c) 238,071
Passenger Journeys -				
Train No.	923,467	608,218	1,792,547	1,264,790
Motor Bus No.	28,167	34,156	52,664	59,062
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	261,839	259,275	576,629	522,859
Livestock	11,453	10,327	21,666	18,111
Departmental (Free Freight)	74,695	81,834	148,278	156,145
Total:	347,987	351,436	746,573	697,115
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	45,684,968	42,244,629	98,603,274	87,067,077
Livestock	1,543,753	1,475,999	3,203,590	2,619,074
Departmental (Free Freight)	8,483,308	10,296,700	16,636,561	19,779,790
Total:	55,712,029	54,017,328	118,443,425	109,465,941

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 20th August.

(c) Period ended 20th August.

\* Figures liable to revision.

Yours very truly,  
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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,068	5,471	112	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,152	5,015	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,657	6,000	70	1,267
1955 -								
January	391	177	2	42	688	393	3	87
February	634	196	1	71	1,025	436	10	104
March	670	224	1	65	1,145	497	4	103
April	576	187	-	48	971	383	-	88
May	581	213	1	67	999	489	8	106
June	571	230	1	54	970	492	5	79
July	494	207	1	51	847	478	3	87
August	593	262	-	47	953	523	-	82

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS) /

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1952 -								
June	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
1953 -								
June	41,231	18,394	537	9,855	69,833	54,639	1,035	15,559
December	44,513	19,429	567	9,817	73,825	55,782	1,071	15,022
1954 -								
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,217	58,471	1,117	15,237
December	52,072	21,721	590	9,713	84,868	60,144	1,136	14,886
1955 -								
January	52,634	21,971	590	9,704	84,141	58,281	1,043	14,037
February	53,075	22,093	590	9,699	85,797	59,931	1,131	14,427
March	53,656	22,225	562	9,644	87,219	60,793	1,133	14,594
April	54,105	22,367	560	9,628	87,473	60,217	1,119	14,313
May	54,508	22,424	557	9,561	88,887	61,244	1,124	14,508
June	55,720	22,694	555	9,605	90,151	61,946	1,131	14,652
July	57,067	23,234	555	9,561	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

/ Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for July, 1955:-  
107 Cars; 842 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 7 Buses and 10 Motor Cycles.

(a) Not yet available.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Trade of Western Australia, August 1955 and 1954, and two months ended August, 1955 and 1954, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	AUGUST		2 Months ended AUGUST		AUGUST		2 Months ended AUGUST	
	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954
Oversea	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Interstate	4,425	4,584	7,380	9,028	3,640	3,969	8,403	7,655
	7,324	7,929	13,147	15,242	2,876	798	6,033	2,285
Total:	11,749	12,513	20,527	24,270	6,516	4,767	14,436	9,940



BUILDING ACTIVITY(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Ye 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Ye 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Ye 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Ye 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Ye 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955 -										
March Qr.	671	1,916	1,272	3,610	32	1,235	185	1,573	2,160	8,334
June Qr.	771	2,209	1,941	5,340	33	851	229	1,260	2,974	9,660

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION  
(Includes Owner-Built Homes)

	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955 -										
March Qr.	685	2,449	30	70	1,158	2,760	1	1	1,874	5,280
June Qr.	855	2,996	91	257	1,662	3,972	-	-	2,608	7,225

GOLD PRODUCTION

	SEPTEMBER		9 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
<u>GOLD</u>				
Quantity Fine ozs.	75,055	80,539	637,603	650,444
Value (Aust. Currency) * £.	1,172,735	1,258,428	9,962,535	10,123,285
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	-	35,128	1,160,956	965,886

\* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.





RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	SEPTEMBER QUARTER		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER QUARTER		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954
Metropolitan Area	2870	2848	2848	2767	2561	2512	2537	2412
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3070	2936	3017	2866	2502	2435	2473	2409
Northam	2928	2865	2910	2772	2511	2441	2496	2383
Bunbury	2981	2881	2927	2805	2581	2498	2550	2405
Geraldton	2990	2923	2940	2840	2702	2648	2668	2530
Collie	2987	2906	2949	2835	2374	2322	2349	2280

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1954			1955		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	133,021	41,620	174,641	135,624	42,794	178,418
February	133,165	42,375	175,540	135,417	43,730	179,147
March	133,924	42,595	176,519	136,290	44,016	180,306
April	133,517	42,811	176,328	136,524	43,893	180,417
May	134,347	42,768	177,115	136,357	43,878	180,235
June	134,969	42,685	177,654	136,347	43,880	180,227
July	134,232	42,947	177,179	135,696	43,901	179,597
August	134,960	42,933	177,893	135,857	43,758	179,615
September	134,947	43,186	178,133			
October	135,008	43,559	178,567			
November	135,645	43,962	179,607			
December	135,481	44,179	179,660			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
January	208	214	213	226	233
February	212	216	217	228	235
March	215	216	220	231	236
April	215	215	221	230	236
May	216	214	222	231	236
June	215	211	220	230	235
July	218	211	221	229	233
August	217	212	221	229	235
September	216	211	223	228	
October	217	212	224	230	
November	217	213	227	231	
December	215	213	227	232	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1954, are preliminary.





STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
9/8/1955	12. 12. 5	8. 4. 1	12. 11. 8	8. 3. 7	12. 14. 1	8. 5. 2

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA  
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	41,173	35,600	129,766	112,171
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	37,073	31,847	115,364	100,186

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
August, 1955	16,962	363	96,130	15,190
August, 1954	15,682	385	77,483	14,883
2 Months ended August, 1955	33,621	668	179,502	29,299
2 Months ended August, 1954	33,658	834	138,008	25,211

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
<u>1955 -</u>										
January	409	216	194	93	603	309	12	14	251	128
February	484	137	179	54	663	191	14	7	213	66
March	377	155	192	69	569	224	7	7	223	89
April	472	185	159	79	631	264	11	11	188	114
May	485	162	174	71	659	233	9	5	205	97
June	486	148	175	66	661	214	8	2	215	89
July (a)	579	156	236	83	815	239	11	3	275	126
August	553	156	178	63	731	219	9	4	203	92
Total 8 Months ended August	3,845	1,315	1,487	578	5,332	1,893	81	53	1,773	801

(a) Revised.



ITEMS OF FACTORY PRODUCTION (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	SEPTEMBER		3 Months Ended SEPTEMBER	
		1955	1954	1955	1954
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	749	773	2,961	2,628
Bricks (in terms of standard size) - Cement	'000	464	1,074	1,405	2,984
- Clay	'000	9,371	8,914	27,561	26,356
Enamels	gal.	10,641	3,387	27,696	10,757
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	204	209	599	627
Paints (Ready Mixed) Ex- cluding Water Paints	gal.	20,097	14,968	49,848	56,548
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	827	988	2,479	2,904
Timber, Sawn	'000 sup. ft.	(a)20,468	(a)19,176	(b)40,529	(b)38,697
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	723	577	2,414	2,546
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)					
Men's and Boys'	no.	62	3,463	3,139	7,575
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	4,461	4,886	11,881	15,019
Sports Coats Men's	no.	627	998	1,631	2,302
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	317	448	890	1,222
- 2 piece	no.	2,133	2,434	5,930	7,248
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	3,957	5,710	11,755	16,171
- Work (Cotton and Wool)	no.	9,684	14,770	24,665	45,381
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	30,900	31,967	87,692	108,397
Sandals	pair	18,848	23,173	34,964	40,794
Slippers	pair	33,361	38,717	89,780	137,858
<u>Food</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	571	652	1,706	1,836
Butter	'000 lb.	2,191	2,295	5,773	5,634
Cheese	'000 lb.	217	360	508	1,090
Confectionery (not chocolate)	'000 lb.	317	364	999	1,039
Jams	'000 lb.	92	45	248	181
Margarine	'000 lb.	104	146	368	338
Oatmeal	cwt.	6,264	2,056	16,600	9,011
Sauce - Tomato	pint	82,523	67,782	202,324	159,388
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Hydrochloric	cwt.	123	133	417	347
- Nitric	cwt.	32	16	88	48
- Sulphuric	ton	13,617	10,922	45,481	30,955
Cycles, Pedal	no.	545	646	1,624	1,709
Gas Produced	million cu. ft.	127	125	401	398
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	1,759	1,959	5,883	5,737
- Woven Wire	no.	964	1,444	5,723	5,637
- Soft Filled	no.	3,211	3,572	10,229	10,846
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	61	83	181	276
Utilities (all types)	no.	22	33	52	99
Trailers (all types)	no.	21	18	66	52
Perambulators	no.	63	65	149	207

(a) August figures, September unavailable.

(b) Two months ended August.

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